

**Mardi Alexander**

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**From:** Janice McCoy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 09, 2010 8:59 AM  
**To:** Mardi Alexander  
**Subject:** RE: Voter ID - SB 178

You are welcome.

One more request. The Lt. Governor wants us to potentially re-file the bill and give it one the low-number reserved spots. Can your office review/prepare the bill to re-file? Let me know what you think.

Janice

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**From:** Mardi Alexander  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2010 4:56 PM  
**To:** Janice McCoy  
**Subject:** RE: Voter ID - SB 178

Janice—

Bill text is now available on TLIS. Thanks for heads-up and sending text quickly.

Mardi

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**From:** Janice McCoy  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2010 3:46 PM  
**To:** Mardi Alexander  
**Subject:** Voter ID - SB 178

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Mardi —

Attached is the just filed voter ID bill.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Janice



Janice —  
There are  
a few formatting  
edits and  
- Statute underlining  
error, p. 6  
- subject agreement  
edit, p. 9, l. 8  
Mardi

*Jane Nelson* *Bob Shad* *Don Hoffman*  
*Christians* *John Cason* *Robert Dunn*  
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WITNESS *Wentworth* W. B. No. 178  
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED *Mike Jacobs*

1 *Amelia Estlin* AN ACT

2 relating to requirements to vote, including presenting proof of  
3 identification; providing criminal penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 15, Election Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 15.005 to read as follows:

7       Sec. 15.005. NOTICE OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) The  
8       voter registrar of each county shall provide notice of the  
9       identification requirements for voting prescribed by Chapter 63 and  
10      a detailed description of those requirements with each voter  
11      registration certificate issued under Section 13.142 or renewal  
12      registration certificate issued under Section 14.001.

13        (b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the wording of the  
14        notice to be included on the certificate under this section.

15 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 15.022, Election Code, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17                 (a) The registrar shall make the appropriate corrections in  
18 the registration records, including, if necessary, deleting a  
19 voter's name from the suspense list:

20 (1) after receipt of a notice of a change in registration  
21 information under Section 15.021;

22                         (2) after receipt of a voter's reply to a notice of  
23 investigation given under Section 16.033;

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1                         (4) after receipt of a voter's statement of residence  
2 executed under Section 63.0011;  
3                         (5) before the effective date of the abolishment of a  
4 county election precinct or a change in its boundary;  
5                         (6) after receipt of United States Postal Service  
6 information indicating an address reclassification;  
7                         (7) after receipt of a voter's response under Section  
8 15.053; or  
9                         (8) after receipt of a registration application or change  
10 of address under Chapter 20.

11                         SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Election Code, is amended  
12 by adding Section 31.012 to read as follows:

13                         Sec. 31.012. VOTER IDENTIFICATION EDUCATION. (a) The  
14 secretary of state and the voter registrar of each county that  
15 maintains a website shall provide notice of the identification  
16 requirements for voting prescribed by Chapter 63 on each entity's  
17 respective website. The secretary of state shall prescribe the  
18 wording of the notice to be included on the websites.

19                         (b) The secretary of state shall conduct a statewide effort to  
20 educate voters regarding the identification requirements for voting  
21 prescribed by Chapter 63.

22                         SECTION 4. Section 32.111, Election Code, is amended by  
23 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

24                         (c) The training standards adopted under Subsection (a) must  
25 include provisions on the acceptance and handling of the /2/3  
26 identification presented by a voter to an election officer under  
27 Section 63.001.

28                         SECTION 5. Subsection (a), Section 32.114, Election Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2       (a) The county clerk shall provide one or more sessions of  
3 training using the standardized training program and materials  
4 developed and provided by the secretary of state under Section  
5 32.111 for the election judges and clerks appointed to serve in  
6 elections ordered by the governor or a county authority. Each  
7 election judge shall complete the training program. Each election  
8 clerk shall complete the part of the training program relating to  
9 the acceptance and handling of the identification presented by a  
10 voter to an election officer under Section 63.001.

11       SECTION 6. Chapter 62, Election Code, is amended by adding  
12 Section 62.016 to read as follows:

13       Sec. 62.016. NOTICE OF ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION OUTSIDE  
14 POLLING PLACES. The presiding judge shall post in a prominent place  
15 on the outside of each polling location a list of the acceptable  
16 forms of identification. The notice and list must be printed using  
17 a font that is at least 24-point.

18       SECTION 7. Section 63.001, Election Code, is amended by  
19 amending Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (f) and adding Subsection  
20 (g) to read as follows:

21       (b) On offering to vote, a voter must present to an election  
22 officer at the polling place one form of identification listed in  
23 Section 63.0101 [~~the voter's voter registration certificate~~]  
24 ~~election officer at the polling place~~.

25       (c) On presentation of the documentation required by 3/4  
26 Subsection (b) [~~a registration certificate~~], an election officer  
27 shall determine whether the voter's name on the documentation  
28 [~~registration certificate~~] is on the list of registered voters for

1 the precinct.

2         (d) If the voter's name is on the precinct list of registered  
3 voters and the voter's identity can be verified from the  
4 documentation presented under Subsection (b), the voter shall be  
5 accepted for voting.

6         (f) After determining whether to accept a voter, an election  
7 officer shall return the voter's documentation [registration  
8 certificate] to the voter.

9         (g) If the requirements for identification prescribed by  
10 Subsection (b) are not met, the voter may be accepted for  
11 provisional voting only under Section 63.011. For a voter who is  
12 not accepted for voting under this section, an election officer  
13 shall:

14             (1) inform the voter of the voter's right to cast a  
15 provisional ballot under Section 63.011; and

16             (2) provide the voter with written information, in a form  
17 prescribed by the secretary of state, that:

18                 (A) lists the requirements for identification;

19                 (B) states the procedure for presenting  
20 identification under Section 65.0541;

21                 (C) includes a map showing the location where  
22 identification must be presented; and

23                 (D) includes notice that even if all procedures are  
24 followed, there is no guarantee a provisional ballot will be 4/15  
25 accepted.

26         SECTION 8. Subsection (a), Section 63.0011, Election Code, is  
27 amended to read as follows:

28         (a) Before a voter may be accepted for voting, an election

1   officer shall ask the voter if the voter's residence address on the  
2   precinct list of registered voters is current and whether the voter  
3   has changed residency <sup>e</sup> within the county. If the voter's address is  
4   omitted <sup>from</sup> ~~for~~ the precinct list under Section 18.005(c), the officer  
5   shall ask the voter if the voter's residence, if [as] listed, on  
6   identification presented by the voter under Section 63.001(b) [~~the~~  
7   ~~voter's voter registration certificate~~] is current and whether the  
8   voter has changed residence within the county.

9                 SECTION 9. Chapter 63, Election Code, is amended by adding  
10   Section 63.0012 to read as follows:

11                 Sec. 63.0012. NOTICE OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS TO CERTAIN  
12   VOTERS. (a) An election officer shall distribute written notice of  
13   the identification that will be required to vote in elections held  
14   after January 1, 2012, and information on obtaining identification  
15   without a fee under Section 521.422, Transportation Code, to each  
16   voter who, when offering to vote, presents a form of identification  
17   that will not be sufficient for acceptance as a voter under this  
18   chapter beginning with those elections.

19                 (b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the wording of the  
20   notice and establish guidelines for distributing the notice.

21                 (c) This section expires September 1, 2013.

22                 SECTION 10. Section 63.006, Election Code, is amended to read  
23   as follows: / slc

24                 Sec. 63.006. VOTER WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION [~~CORRECT~~  
25   ~~CERTIFICATE~~] WHO IS NOT ON LIST. (a) A voter who, when offering to  
26   vote, presents the documentation required under Subsection  
27   63.001(b) [~~a voter registration certificate indicating that the~~  
28   ~~voter is currently registered in the precinct in which the voter is~~

1 ~~offering to vote], but whose name is not on the precinct list of~~  
2 registered voters, shall be accepted for voting if the voter also  
3 presents a voter registration certificate indicating that the voter  
4 is currently registered:

5 (1) in the precinct in which the voter is offering to  
6 vote; or

7 (2) in a different precinct from the one in which the  
8 voter is offering to vote and the voter executes an affidavit  
9 stating that the voter:

10 (A) (i) is a resident of the precinct in which the  
11 voter is offering to vote or is otherwise entitled by law to vote  
12 in that precinct; or

13 (ii) was a resident of the precinct in which the  
14 voter is offering to vote at the time the information on the  
15 voter's residence address was last provided to the voter registrar;

16 (B) did not deliberately provide false information  
17 to secure registration in a precinct in which the voter does not  
18 reside; and

19 (C) is voting only once in the election.

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(b) After the voter is accepted, an election officer shall:

24 (1) indicate beside the voter's name on the poll list

25 that the voter was accepted under this section; and

26 (2) if applicable, enter on the registration omissions

27 list the precinct of the voter's registration as indicated by the  
voter's registration certificate.

28 SECTION 11. Subsection (a), Section 63.009, Election Code, is

amended to read as follows:

(a) A [Except as provided by Subsection (b), a] voter who does

1 not present a voter registration certificate when offering to vote,  
2 and whose name is not on the list of registered voters for the  
3 precinct in which the voter is offering to vote, shall be accepted  
4 for provisional voting if the voter executes an affidavit in  
5 accordance with Section 63.011.

6 SECTION 12. Section 63.0101, Election Code, is amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 Sec. 63.0101. DOCUMENTATION OF PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION. The  
9 following documentation is an acceptable form [as proof] of photo  
10 identification under this chapter:

11 (1) a driver's license or personal identification card  
12 issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety that has  
13 not expired [or a similar document issued to the person by an  
14 agency of another state, regardless of whether the licence or card  
15 has] expired; ]

16 (2) a United States military identification card that  
17 contains the person's photograph that has not expired [form of  
18 identification containing the person's photograph that establishes  
19 the person's identity];

20 (3) a birth certificate or other document confirming  
21 birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the  
22 person's identity; /

23 [(4)] United States citizenship certificate [paper]  
24 issued to the person that contains the person's photograph; or

25 (4) [(5)] a United States passport issued to the person  
26 that has not expired [+

27 [(6)] official mail addressed to the person by name from a  
28 governmental entity;

1           [+] a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,  
2 government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows  
3 the name and address of the voter; or  
4           [+] any other form of identification prescribed by the  
5 secretary of state].

6           SECTION 13. <sup>are</sup> Section 63.011, Election Code, ~~is~~ amended ~~by~~  
7 amending Subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

8           (a) A person to whom Section 63.001(g) [63.008(b)] or  
9 63.009(a) applies may cast a provisional ballot if the person  
10 executes an affidavit stating that the person:

11           (1) is a registered voter in the precinct in which the  
12 ~~is~~ person seeks to vote; and  
13           (2) is eligible to vote in the election.

14           (b) A form for an affidavit required by this section shall be  
15 printed on an envelope in which the provisional ballot voted by the  
16 person may be placed and must include a space for entering the  
17 identification number of the provisional ballot voted by the person  
18 ~~and a space for an election officer to indicate whether the~~  
19 person presented a form of identification described by Section  
20 63.0101. The affidavit form may include space for disclosure of  
21 any necessary information to enable the person to register to vote / 8/1  
22 under Chapter 13. The secretary of state shall prescribe the form  
23 of the affidavit under this section.

24           SECTION 14. Subsection (b), Section 64.012, Election Code, is  
25 amended to read as follows:

26           (b) An offense under this section is a felony of the second  
27 ~~third~~ degree unless the person is convicted of an attempt. In  
28 that case, the offense is a state jail felony [Class A

1 ~~misdemeanor~~).

2 SECTION 15. Subsection (b), Section 65.054, Election Code, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (b) A provisional ballot shall [may] be accepted [only] if the  
5 board determines that, from the information in the affidavit or  
6 contained in public records, the person is eligible to vote in the  
7 election and has not previously voted in that election and the  
8 person  
8 voter meets the identification requirements of Section 63.001(b) in  
9 the period prescribed under Section 65.0541.

10 SECTION 16. Subchapter B, Chapter 65, Election Code, is  
11 amended by adding Section 65.0541 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 65.0541. PRESENTATION OF IDENTIFICATION FOR CERTAIN  
13 PROVISIONAL BALLOTS. (a) A voter who is accepted for provisional  
14 voting under Section 63.011 because the voter does not meet the  
15 identification requirements of Section 63.001(b) may, not later  
16 than the sixth day after the date of the election, present proof of  
17 identification to the voter registrar for examination by the early  
18 voting ballot board.

19 (b) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures as  
20 necessary to implement this section.

21 SECTION 17. Section 66.0241, Election Code, is amended to read <sup>10</sup>  
22 as follows:

23 Sec. 66.0241. CONTENTS OF ENVELOPE NO. 4. Envelope No. 4 must  
24 contain:

- 25 (1) the precinct list of registered voters;  
26 (2) the registration correction list;  
27 (3) the registration omission<sup>S</sup> list;  
28 (4) any statements of residence executed under Section

1 63.0011; and

2 (5) any affidavits executed under Section 63.006  
3 [63.007] or 63.011.

4 SECTION 18. Section 521.422, Transportation Code, is amended  
5 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as  
6 follows:

7 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the [The] fee for a  
8 personal identification certificate is:

9 (1) \$15 for a person under 60 years of age;  
10 (2) \$5 for a person 60 years of age or older; and  
11 (3) \$20 for a person subject to the registration  
12 requirements under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.

13 (d) The department may not collect a fee for a personal  
14 identification certificate issued to a person who states that the  
15 person is obtaining the personal identification certificate for the  
16 purpose of satisfying Section 63.001(b) [7], Election Code, and:

17 (1) who is a registered voter in this state and presents  
18 a valid voter registration certificate; or  
19 (2) who is eligible for registration under Section  
20 13.001, Election Code, and submits a registration application to /10/11  
21 the department.

22 SECTION 19. Effective January 1, 2012, Sections 63.007,  
23 Section Subsection(6), Section  
24 63.008, and 63.009 [7], Election Code, are repealed.

24 SECTION 20. As soon as practicable after the effective date of  
25 this Act:

26 (1) the secretary of state shall adopt the training  
27 standards and develop the training materials required to implement  
28 the change in law made by this Act to Section 32.111, Election

1 Code; and

2 (2) the county clerk of each county shall provide a  
3 session of training under Section 32.114, Election Code, using the  
4 standards adopted and materials developed to implement the change  
5 in law made by this Act to Section 32.111, Election Code.

6 SECTION 21. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
7 only to an offense committed on or after January 1, 2012. For  
8 purposes of this section, an offense is committed before January 1,  
9 2012, if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

10 (b) An offense committed before January 1, 2012, is covered by  
11 the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former  
12 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

13 SECTION 22. State funds disbursed under Chapter 19, Election  
14 Code, for the purpose of defraying expenses of the voter  
15 registrar's office in connection with voter registration may also  
16 be used for additional expenses related to coordinating voter  
17 registration drives or other activities designed to expand voter  
18 registration. This section expires January 1, 2013. /  
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SECTION 23. Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this  
section, this Act takes effect January 1, 2012.

(b) The changes in law made by Sections 1, [1], 9, 20, and 22  
of this Act take effect September 1, 2011.

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